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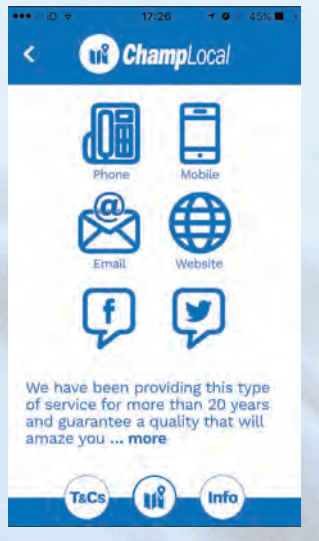

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Mum's plea for donations to friend's fund in memory of blaze victim Louis

THE mother of tragic blaze victim Louis James Simpson is appealing to well-wishers wanting to make donations in the teenager's memory to instead help a friend of the family battling cancer to raise enough money to undergo specialist treatment at a clinic in Germany.

Mum, Vanessa Adams and the rest of Louis's family, were left devastated by the 14-year-old's death following the fire at a straw-filled barn at Fairhurst Hall in Chorley Road, Parbold on Sunday, January 29.

Floral tributes on Chorley Road, Parbold after the fire tragedy

Since then they have been inundated with hundreds of floral tributes from members of the West Lancashire community, along with thousands of pounds in donations. Now Vanessa has made a heartfelt online plea for any future donations to be directed to an appeal on behalf of family friend Kate Anne Douglas in order that 'some good might come from this tragic event.'

Thirty-eight-year-old Kate was diagnosed with breast cancer just two weeks after giving birth to daughter Lola six years ago.

And despite undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment, it returned in her bones, liver and lungs. Now she is trying to raise £250,000 to fund immunotherapy treatment at a specialist clinic in Germany.

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FATAL CONSEQUENCE OF HASTE TO BEAT LIGHTS

Army veteran (72) flung into the air 'like a rag doll' by speeding student rushing to McDonald's

Daniel Rowson

A GRANDAD was flung into the air "like a rag doll" and fatally injured by a speeding student rushing to McDonald's in his car for his morning break.

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

Daniel Rowson of Tower Hill, Ormskirk, went through red traffic lights at a major junction having accelerated to get through them and passed vehicles which had already stopped.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that one shocked eyewitness described Rowson as "driving through him like a skittle".

Rowson was travelling at 60 mph - twice the speed limit - when he sped through the red light in Liverpool city centre and had been going so fast that it took him 95 metres to stop.

He hadn't braked before the collision although had begun to decelerate but struck Mr Douglas, who was by a pedestrian crossing, at 54 to 56 mph.

Seventy-two-year-old Army veteran Mr Douglas suffered catastrophic multiple injuries. A doctor and paramedic, who happened to be there, rushed to his aid but were unable to revive him and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sentencing 21-year-old plumbing student Rowson to four years' imprisonment and banning him from driving for five years, Judge Neil Flewitt, QC, said: "The death of Peter Douglas is your responsibility and you will have to live with that on your conscience for the rest of your life."

Eyewitnesses gave differing accounts about how long the lights had been on red against him but the judge said he did not need to determine exactly how long as before that they had been on amber.

"That should have been a warning to you to reduce your speed but you did not do so. Instead you drove at high speed past stationary vehicles and through a junction against a red light. Your sole focus was to beat the lights and in your haste you simply did not see Mr Douglas who was established on the crossing. Because you did not see him you did not brake and so you hit him at considerable speed throwing him into the air like a rag doll."

He said he accepted that Rowson, who pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, was not normally reckless or irresponsible. But he pointed out that he had tried to minimise his responsibility in interview and had also sought to blame the victim.

Gerald Baxter, prosecuting, had told the court that the tragedy occurred at 10.40am on September 15, 2015 as Mr Douglas was crossing King Edward Street on or within the confines of a pedestrian crossing, at the junction with Leeds Street, Old Hall Street and Great Howard Street. Rowson was driving his Seat Leon along Leeds Street and other motorists who stopped for the lights saw him overtake them and plough into Mr Douglas who tried to turn back but was struck. **Cont. inside**

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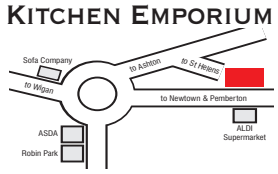

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Edge Hill accused of 'lack of transparency'

University says failure to respond to FoI request was due to oversight

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill University has been labelled one of the 'least transparent' in the UK by the University and College Union (UCU).

It follows an alleged failure by the Ormskirk university to provide details of its vice-chancellor's pay and perks in response to a Freedom of Information request from the union.

However, a spokeswoman for Edge Hill said this was down to an "oversight" and arrangements had now been made to rectify the situation.

She also pointed out that senior staff remuneration was reported in the university's annual accounts which is a public document.

Edge Hill was one of just eight out of 161 universities which did not respond to the UCU request and was, said the union, "something of a serial offender having also refused to respond last year."

The union has reported Edge Hill to the Information Commissioner and asked that it completes its statutory duty by replying to the union.

Five universities used FoI exemptions to avoid answering any of the questions.

UCU said greater sanctions were needed to ensure universities justified some of the "largesse" that it said has embarrassed higher education in recent years. It has called for a national register of senior pay and perks in UK universities.

And it said any university that claimed the answers to its questions were available online had either not read the questions properly or was being deliberately misleading.

Sanctions

UCU will release its latest pay and perks survey later this month and said that universities should not escape the spotlight by refusing to answer legitimate questions about how they spend public money.

UCU general secretary, Sally Hunt, said: "Freedom of Information legislation is important in holding universities that spend millions of pounds of public money to account.

"It is not acceptable for Edge Hill and a handful of other universities to refuse to comply with the law and dodge Freedom of Information requests. We believe the time has come for a national register of pay and perks in our universities. The information we requested is not available online and any university that suggests it is either did not read the request properly or is being deliberately misleading.

"We have written to the Information Commissioner's Office and we would like to see greater sanctions on those universities that blatantly ignore these requests or try to wriggle out of their responsibilities with exemptions."

The spokeswoman for Edge Hill commented: "The university had received the FoI request from UCU, however, due to an oversight while the questionnaire was completed it was not returned to UCU as requested.

"The university having now been made aware of this has arranged for the return to be sent to UCU immediately.

"As in previous years senior staff remuneration is reported in Edge Hill University's annual accounts which is a public document, published and available to everyone on the university website."

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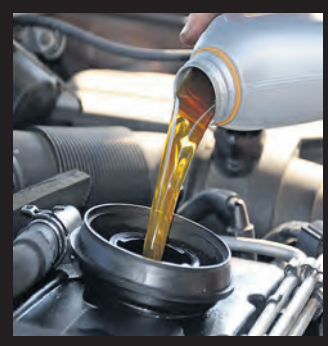

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Emotional farewell to cancer battler Hannah

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

HUNDREDS of mourners turned out to pay their respects to an inspirational young woman who strived to raise awareness of bowel and liver cancer during her own brave fight against the disease.

Sadly, Hannah Lyson lost her personal battle when she passed aged just 20 at her home in Burscough on January 28.

Family, friends and members of the community who had been touched by Hannah's story attended her funeral on Friday (February 3).

She was taken to the Disney-themed service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, by a white, horse-drawn carriage pulled by four black horses decorated with purple and white feathers and her coffin was borne inside to music from the Disney film, Lilo and Stitch.

In a poignant and moving service tributes and poems were read by her father, Mark and two of her five sisters, Heather and Louise.

Following her initital diagnosis in May last year, aspiring air hostess Hannah created her blog, 'A Worthwhile Adventure,' to document her treatment plan and the huge range of emotions that she was feeling.

Her words inspired thousands of people as she campaigned tirelessly to raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel cancer.

Despite her ongoing battle she continued to strive to record all aspects of her treatment, including being fitted with a colostomy bag, as well as giving regular live updates on her diagnosis and raising thousands of pounds for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Hannah's family had previously requested that floral tributes at the service were only to be given by family members, but donations were collected for the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Zak Vali Foundation, which are still being totalled.

A live-stream link to the service was provided for those who wanted to attend but were unable to do so. This is still available on Hannah's Facebook page, 'Hannah's Bowel Cancer Journey'.

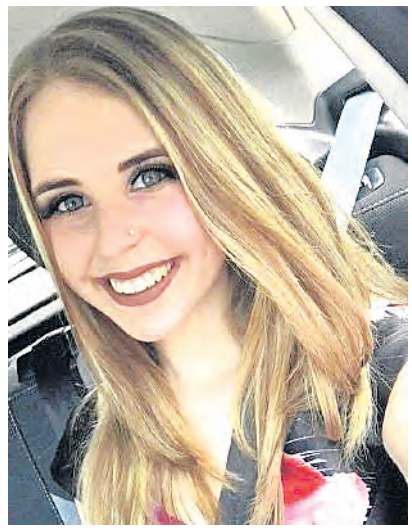
The family thanked all those who attended the funeral and MLS Independent Funeral directors in Burscough in an emotional photograph tribute posted on Hannah's Facebook page, in which they vowed to carry on her awareness-raising work.

They wrote: "We would like to thank everyone who joined us, be it in person or just in thought, to celebrate Hannah's short life. Some of you travelled far to be with us and to you we give special thanks. We are so glad some took time to watch the live stream, it helps keep Hannah's wish to reach all corners of the world with her story.

"We are devastated at our loss but all the support and love that has been shown is an immense comfort. Hannah holds a special place in many people's hearts for many different reasons because she was very special.

"She always said: 'If I save one person's life because they saw my blog and it made them seek medical advice then I'm happy'. And we will make sure her efforts to raise awareness that you are never too young to get bowel cancer, continue.

"We send all our love to you all."



Hannah's brave battle with cancer was an inspiration to many

The horse-drawn carriage bearing Hannah to the crematorium

Ormskirk student jailed

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One of the witnesses, Dr Eoin McGann said Mr Douglas noticed the defendant's car "and stretched out his arm but they were too close to avoid each other."

He went over and strenuous attempts were made to resuscitate the victim, who had no pulse and was not breathing, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. A post-mortem revealed he had suffered multiple injuries including fractures to his skull, spine and pelvis.

Rowson, who had three classmates in his car, walked back to the scene and asked: "Is he alive or is he dead" and claimed he was only doing 40 mph. He told a police officer that the victim had stepped out into the road and denied going through a red light. A roadside drug test was positive but he was below the legal limit, said Mr Baxter.

An impact statement from Mr Douglas's brother Anthony said that the victim was a very private man who was always so smartly dressed that he was nicknamed "Gangster".

He said he had not had time to think about the driver as he was concentrating on dealing with the grief felt by the family.

Oliver Cook, defending, said that Rowson, who had only changed his plea to guilty last month, has no previous convictions.

"He has been suffering from nightmares since the incident and his personality has changed and he is now withdrawn and quiet. He is deeply remorseful for his ill-judged actions," he added.

Fire victim's mum calls for donations to friend's cancer treatment fund

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To date her online appeal at donation site Go Fund Me has raised more than £189,000 – including with thousands of pounds donated following Vanessa's appeal on social media website Facebook.

In a moving tribute on the site Vanessa wrote: "We would like to thank everybody for their kind messages, we are so very grateful to you all. However we have too many flowers, for which we are eternally grateful, we would very much like some good to come from this tragic event. As such we would ask that if anybody would like to contribute to the memory of our beautiful boy Louis, that they donate to our amazing friend Kate.

"We would like you to leave a message underneath your donation, in order that we can see your lovely messages and respond to you all.

"Louis was such a kind boy and was always so very worried about Kate, we really think he would have wanted this.

"Thanks once again to you all for all the love and support you have shown to us, and Louis, it means the world to us all."

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Rail union to hold strike ballot over guard dispute

Report by **Tom Martin**

RAIL union chiefs have called for a ballot to take industrial action over a dispute with Merseyrail who want to operate a new fleet of trains without guards.

Meetings have been held between the RMT union and the rail operator with the union demanding that there should be a guard on every new train.

Merseyrail say their new fleet has been designed to operate without guards, and they can't guarantee that the role will be needed.

A meeting between Merseyrail chiefs and the RMT union, on Wednesday, February 1 failed to reach agreement on the issue and a ballot for industrial action will be held.

Merseyrail say that any current guards who are no longer needed would be offered another position within the company.

They will also retain the same pay and the associated pay conditions in the new role.

Merseytravel announced in December that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority had authorised the procurement of the new fleet for the Merseyrail network.

Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, Merseyrail's managing director, said: "Ensuring passengers feel safe and secure continues to be the number one priority, and the new fleet will see the creation of around 60 customer service positions, working on-board the new trains, to assist and reassure passengers.

One of the new of trains

"All forms of train despatch, whether with or without a guard, require appropriate safety control measures.

"With these in place, evidence from the industry safety authorities demonstrates that the safety record of trains without guards is as good as those with guards. We are disappointed that strikes on our network appear more likely, but respect the union's right to take lawful industrial action.

"We remain committed to avoiding a strike, and emphasised to the RMT that we are keen to continue negotiations with them.

"Irrespective of whether industrial action takes place or not, passengers remain at the heart of everything we do, and this will continue to be the case, should we face strikes.

"We will now focus our attentions on preparing for possible strike days, and attempt to run a service which will cause as little disruption as possible to our customers."

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Council's CCTV team's key role in helping keep borough safe

MEMBERS of West Lancs Council's CCTV team have been helping catch suspected drink-drivers and thieves during the Christmas period.

The council's CCTV system watches over the borough aiming to provide reassurance to the community, as well as acting as a valuable crime-fighting tool for the police.

The cameras are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and operators provide valuable assistance in preventing and solving crime.

During December there were 10 arrests for drink-related incidents, including four for suspected drunk driving, which the CCTV operators assisted with. This was either by spotting the offenders or tracking them once they had received information from the police.

During November the team had previously helped with six arrests for suspected drunk driving.

In total the operators helped the police make 34 arrests in December, including nine for suspected thefts such as shoplifting, and six related to neighbourhood incidents.

They also provided a lot of other useful information to the constabulary, including helping with searches for missing persons.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "The latest statistics show how effective our CCTV system and operators can be in helping to keep crime low in West Lancashire and our communities safe. The operators, in combination with the police, helped to ensure West Lancs continued to be a safe place over the festive period.

"Our CCTV system provides excellent value for money and I am particularly pleased to see the role that CCTV plays in relation to drunk drivers. Driving under the influence of alcohol is a crime and is extremely dangerous."

Councillor Kevin Wright

In 2015/16 the CCTV unit was involved in 5,110 incidents. In addition to the 337 arrests that the CCTV operators assisted with, a number of the incidents also resulted in the police or PCSOs being able to intervene at an early stage to prevent trouble from escalating into something more serious.

Between November 2015 and November 2016, the operators played a key role in increasing road safety by advising the police of 84 incidents involving suspected drunk drivers.

Operators keep in close contact with local businesses and the police through the Shopwatch radio scheme, meaning officers can be alerted and respond to any incident as quickly as possible.

MP accuses government of trying to fund early years education on the cheap

ROSIE Cooper has accused the government of failing pre-school children by trying to fund high-quality early years education on the cheap.

The West Lancs MP was speaking in a Parliamentary debate on Maintained Nursery School Funding and later raised the issue again today in the Commons directly with the Secretary of State during Education Questions.

Ms Cooper said: "Maintained nursery schools are very much the jewel in the crown of early years education provision. 60 per cent of these nursery schools are rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, including Moorgate Nursery School in Ormskirk.

"In recent months government has been consulting on funding for the early years sector. Initial indications are that they want to fund all providers – maintained nursery schools, private nurseries, childminders, pre-school nurseries etc.- at the same funding rate.

"This would be a fair funding regime if all providers had to operate by the same rules and standards. There are important differences which are not considered in the proposed funding reforms.

"Maintained nursery schools provide early years education rather than just childcare. They are also schools and therefore must employ qualified teachers. Yet they are not funded in the same way as schools but instead through the early years funding formula.

"Local authorities have the power to fund nursery schools on a different basis than other providers but they are under no obligation to do so following government changes in the funding of local authorities.

"The government has offered maintained nursery schools transitional funding as the new funding formula is introduced but many schools fear this is not sufficient for the long-term to keep many nursery schools open."

Speaking after the debate, the West Lancs MP commented: "To date government has demonstrated a scandalous lack of understanding on the importance of early years intervention in improving a child's life chances. In their consultation they even confuse childcare and early years education as if they are the same thing.

"Government needs to decide if they want good or if they want cheap early years provision. They can't have good, cheap early years provision."

Pupils from Banks St Stephen's CE primary school with the mayor Cllr. Liz Savage and the time capsule buried at the One Vision Housing development.

Copy of Champ buried in time capsule ceremony to mark new development!

A COPY of *The Champion* was among the items included in a time capsule buried to mark the completion of a new housing development in Banks.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage, joined competition winners from Banks St Stephens CE Primary School at the burial ceremony at the One Vision Housing development, Old School Close on Hoole Lane.

The children who won the contest chose the items to be included in the capsule which also included recent school photographs, a school tie, a Lego model and a book that is a popular read with the youngsters.

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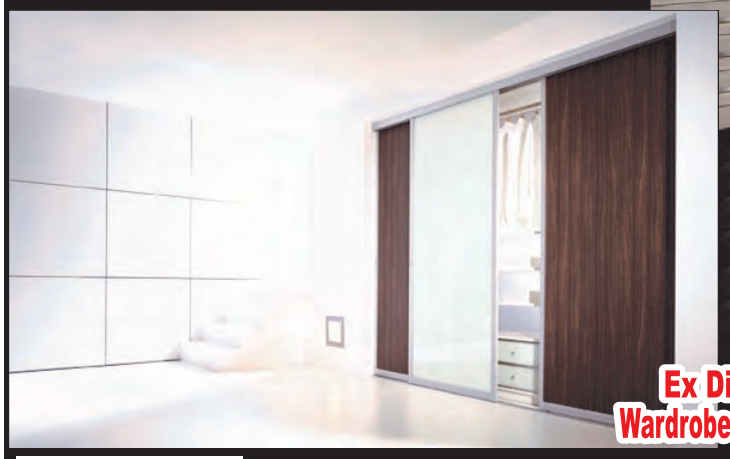

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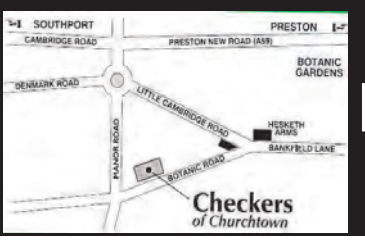

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Emma Smith's parents Glenda and Ken (left) and Shaw Hall Holiday Park residents Laura, Margie and Denise present the cheque to Julie McAdam, Queenscourt Hospice community fundraiser

Friends' grand gesture in memory of Emma

THE friends and family of a young West Lancs woman who died after a brave battle against cancer have raised more than £1,000 for charity in her memory.

The owners of Shaw Hall Holiday Park in Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick held a pink-themed event to raise funds for Queenscourt Hospice in memory of Emma Smith, who lived on the site with her parents Glenda and Ken before passing away aged just 32.

The memorial event was organised with a pink theme to help raise awareness of cancer charities including The Pink Ribbon Foundation and the National Breast Cancer Foundation, whose logos are both pink, and it featured pink fancy dress, pink table decorations and raffles.

A grand total of £1,008.50 was raised for the hospice in Town Lane, Southport where Emma was cared for and which provides palliative care for residents in West Lancashire and Sefton with life-limiting conditions.

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Tots 'waddle' their way to help African maternity unit

By Danielle Thompson

TODDLERS from an Ormskirk Nursery have raised more than £600 for a maternity unit in West Africa.

The Little Lambs under-fives play group meets each week at St John's the Baptist Church's hall on Liverpool Road North, under the guidance of Helen Jones and a group of volunteers.

Volunteers, parents and child-minders joined the youngsters on their sponsored Toddle Waddle event around the school yard with the tots singing songs at the same time.

They raised £605 for the Burkina Faso Maternity Unit, a project by the Christian charity International Needs, who have raised £100,000 so far to create a new seven-bed maternity suite at their health centre in Burkina Faso, where home births are one of the leading causes of child mortality and women dying from post-natal complications.

The building is almost finished and is being fitted out with fixtures and fittings, as well as solar panels installed to make the unit self-sufficient.

It is expected to officially open later this month.

Youngsters from Little Lambs on their sponsored walk

Little Lambs' group leader, Helen Jones, said: "One toddler had raised sponsorship of more than £160 and many brothers and sisters of the youngsters, had donated some of their pocket money.

"It was particularly encouraging to see adults and children demonstrating such generous support and compassion for African communities struggling with life on the margins of the Sahara desert.

"The money raised will be used in support of the completion of a new maternity unit built under International Needs, a Christian organisation specialising in humanitarian support to nations in the developing world."

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Asmall Primary School pupils with members of the School Road Watch patrol

Primary pupils aim to put the brake on speeding drivers

School Road Watch patrol proves a success

YOUNGSTERS from a primary school in Ormskirk have been alerting drivers to the dangers of speeding.

Sergeant Craig Appleton and the Ormskirk Neighbourhood Policing Team joined Viv Clayton from Lancashire County Council's safer and active travel team, volunteers from the Community Road Watch Scheme and local councillors Adam Yates and Nikki Hennessy, to help the Year 5 and 6 pupils from Asmall Primary to question motorists over their speed.

The youngsters from the school in Tennyson Drive worked alongside uniformed police officers to monitor and record the speed of vehicles with a School Road Watch patrol on nearby Cottage Lane.

Drivers who were caught exceeding the speed limit were stopped by the officers, handed a warning notice and then offered the chance to speak to the pupils.

The children told the drivers that they were seven times more likely to kill a child if they hit them at 30mph than 20mph, before asking them a series of questions, including if they knew the speed limit on the road, why they were driving faster than the speed limit and how they would keep to the limit in the future.

During the exercise they stopped more than a dozen drivers for speeding, helping to raise awareness of the 20mph speed limit around the school.

Headteacher, Michelle Speak, said: "We would like to thank everyone involved for helping to give the children such a great opportunity to learn about speed awareness and to promote it within our local community.

Impact

"The children got so much out of the day, from being able to question the police about their work to speaking to the drivers about why they were speeding.

"This is part of a programme of activities we have planned, which will also include making posters to put up on our roads and we're hoping to hold another patrol later in the year."

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy added: "It was fantastic to see the children taking part in this community activity and I'm so proud of how well they conducted themselves when talking to the drivers who were pulled over.

"They were so professional and polite and it had a real impact on the drivers."

Model club landing site plans submitted

PLANNING permission is being sought to change a former silage site in Lathom into an area to launch and land model aircraft.

Members of Mereside Model Club have submitted applications to West Lancs Borough Council to change the use of the former agricultural site on land to the east of Meadow Lane for both the model aircraft and also to install a temporary container for storing mowing equipment.

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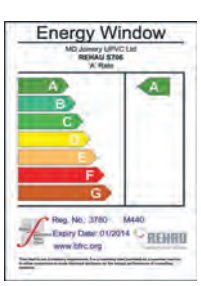

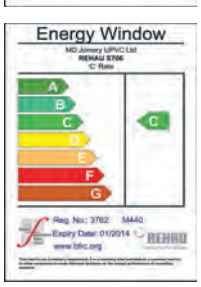

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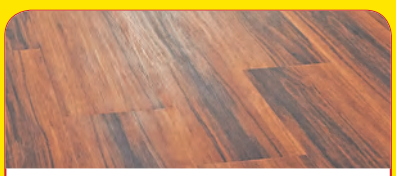

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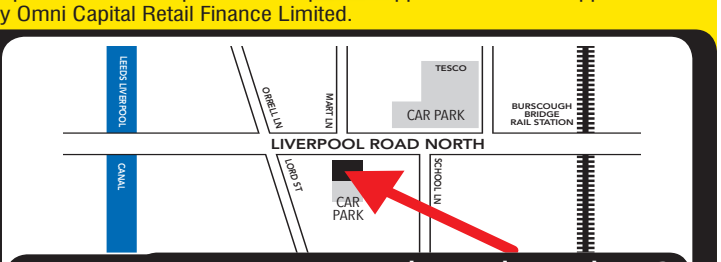

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Dedicated anglers wanted as volunteer bailiffs to join fight against illegal fishing

DEDICATED local anglers are being sought to help the fight against illegal fishing and fish theft in Lancashire.

The Angling Trust and Environment Agency are appealing for more recruits to join their Voluntary Bailiff Service (VBS).

The volunteers act as the 'eyes and ears' on river banks canal banks and lakes, reporting suspicious incidents and providing crucial information to the Environment Agency and the police.

VBS began as a pilot project in the South East in 2012 following a formal partnership between the Environment Agency and the Angling Trust. It was rolled out across the country in spring 2015 and, following inductions last autumn the Environment Agency's Cumbria and Lancashire area has seven volunteers with more planned to join later in the year.

Bailiffs are unpaid and rigorously vetted before they are selected. Successful candidates receive an intensive training course on what is expected of them from enforcement professionals, including the Angling Trust, the Environment Agency and the Head of the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit.

Volunteers are trained on fisheries enforcement law, signs of illegal fishing and how to record information in a way that could be used as evidence. First-hand learning includes attending joint patrols with the police and Environment Agency.

And it's not just rod licence offenders that are being reported. On some patrols people have been cautioned by the police for going equipped for poaching, motoring offences and possessing drugs and weapons.

Dilip Sarkar, the Angling Trust's national enforcement manager, said: "All of our volunteers are valued and we now have the sound foundation to move forward, increase engagement and provide more practical training. Although we still have far to go, this activity is already making a difference."

More volunteers needed to join the Voluntary Bailiff Service (VBS)

Graeme Storey, national fisheries manager at the Environment Agency, added: "All money raised through rod licence sales is used to protect and improve fish stocks benefiting anglers.

"The Voluntary Bailiff Service is our latest move to tackle illegal fishing and to protect that revenue. The vast majority of anglers who fish legally deserve to see those who flout the law brought to account but to that criminal minority our message is clear: we won't hesitate to take action."

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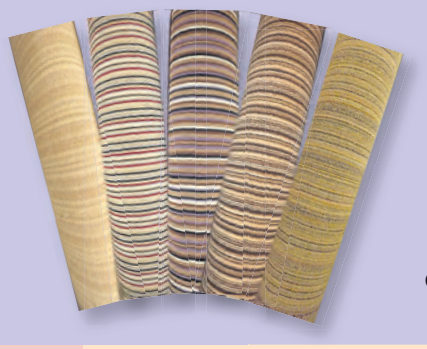

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It features articles highlighting Lancashire's award-winning visitor attractions, the county's diverse culture and heritage, major events and landmark anniversaries and countryside and city breaks, as well as food and drink.

Ruth Connor, chief executive of Marketing Lancashire, said: "The 2017 visitor magazine celebrates the great variety and choice available for short breaks, days out and unique experiences in the Red Rose County.

"More than 64 million people visit Lancashire each year and our aim is to grow that to 70million by 2020.

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Pupils from Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School enjoying the first edition of the THT Times

Young news hounds' first edition hits the classroom

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ENTERPRISING youngsters at a West Lancashire school are making the headlines - literally! - after setting up their own newspaper.

The Year 5 and 6 pupils at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England Primary, launched the THT Times under the guidance of the school's subject leader for English, Rebecca Birkby, and the first edition has already 'hit' the classroom.

The young news hounds, all aged between nine and 11, came up with their own story ideas and are interviewing a variety of people for future editions of the paper.

Developing

Initially they invited visitors from publishers to discuss how to create the newspaper, from the writing of the articles to rolling out the finished product.

The first edition included a story about how Year 6 teacher Phillip Marshall and wife Joanna celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary during a recent trip to Uganda.

Headteacher, Stephen Smith, said: "The children are developing their own roles within the newspaper club where they can write articles, carry out interviews, create quizzes and take photographs - giving them a real reason to write!

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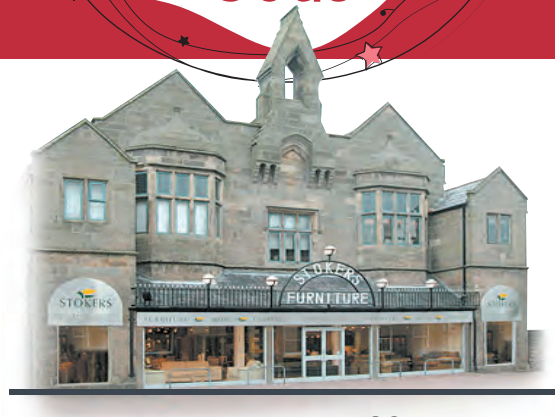

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Councils' backing helps Nick cook up recipe for success

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A BUSINESSMAN from Ormskirk has launched one of the UK's first companies selling specialised clay ovens - thanks to a start-up loan from the county and borough councils.

Nick Jones came up with the idea for Tandoor-i - a home business selling integrated tandoor ovens - after spotting a gap in the market when he was unable to find one for his own home that wasn"t a huge commercially-sized version.

A tandoor oven is traditionally a cylindrical clay or metal oven used in cooking and baking.

Nick's ovens are clay ones which are fitted into an island unit in the kitchen with access from above via a metal lid, taking up a unit's worth of space.

Nick Jones with one of his integrated tandoor ovens

And he has advanced designs for a second model that can be used from the front in a regular kitchen base unit.

The 46-year-old father-of-two, said: "I wanted a tandoor oven for my new kitchen a few years ago and I looked for an integrated one but only found commercial ovens - so I built my own.

"One thing led to another with lots of friends and family saying they'd buy one too so I built a prototype, sent it off to the certification authorities and had it approved for use in the UK and Ireland in November.

"I believe that we are the selling world's first fully-integrated domestic tandoor oven and we are proud to have established the business in Ormskirk.

"We have the tandoor clay pots shipped from Delhi, India and the rest of the manufacturing is done here in the UK, with the final assembly and testing carried out at Twinbridge Fabrications in Burscough.

"I got to this point with some initial seed investment but was able to launch thanks to a government start-up loan from Go Fund Me which was supported by West Lancs Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.

"Our first order is being shipped to Bristol this week, which is very exciting!"

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Why are our Labour politicians so opposed to affordable homes being built in borough?

I BELIEVE that Redrow Homes has appealed the decision to refuse them planning permission on Parrs Lane, Aughton.

This is absolutely brilliant news and I wish them and Wainhomes all the luck and success in the world.

The need for affordable housing in Aughton has never been greater and I cannot for the life of me figure out why this Labour council and our Labour MP are so opposed to affordable homes that would mean accomodating all residents in our little corner of the world.

Especially considering their never-ending granting of HMOs on every affordable home that is snapped up by landlords in Ormskirk.

Perhaps one councillor or even our MP might break the habit of a lifetime and actually take the time to respond to readers' questions on this subject.

A previous letter suggested that our council has spent £150,000 (so far) fighting to stop affordable homes in Aughon at the expense of vital services, yet no one seems to be held to account over this.

Might I suggest our MP stops her crusade against the Bridgewater consortium - which isn't even in Lancashire so is really none of her business - and concentrate on the serious misuse of taxpayer monies in her own constituency.

Aughton resident, details supplied

Burscough is crying out for a bypass to ease congestion on A59

BURSCOUGH was originally a small village built around a mill.

It has grown steadily since and is now an urban sprawl with hundreds of new houses having been built and a large industrial estate established with hundreds more houses and industrial buildings planned for the Yew Tree Farm site.

The problem for Burscough is that there is only one road - the A59 - going through the village.

The amount of traffic now using this road is enormous and as soon as any of the utility companies dig a hole the road comes to a grinding halt with very long tailbacks.

It is so bad that the council have admitted that Liverpool Road from the Bull and Dog to the turn-off to Parbold is the mostpot-holed road in the county but they can't resurface it because the utility companies keep digging it up.

There has got to be room for a bypass along the old airfield site to bypass Burscough and Rufford which would be very beneficial to both residents and haulage drivers.

Les Jones, by email

Still no evidence to support traffic claims

RE: Councillor Westley's response (Champion, February) to my earlier letter when I asked him to give us the evidence for his claims in his leaflet that traffic through the centre of Ormskirk is 'severely congested' and 'strangled' .

1. He said that he was quoting the West Lancs Transport and Highways Master Plan. This document does not include these phrases.

2. He has not produced any evidence to support his claims. He simply repeats his own opinions. My opinions are just as good as his.

3. He seems to suggest that my observations of the traffic are disproved because I'm a cyclist and a member of the Green Party. So what? He wants to make this into a party political issue.

4. He says that I'm opposed to investment in our roads. That is untrue. I'm glad that Derby Street has at last been resurfaced. Of course I've argued for years that there is no need for an Ormskirk bypass.

His red herrings fail to hide the fact that he has not answered my request for him to give us the evidence. I would simply invite your readers to make their own judgements.

I would agree with him that the traffic lights through the town need to be synchronised.

Maurice George, by email

PICTURE of the week

Some of the 2,500 entrants who took part in the seventh 10K Mad Dog race last Sunday reach the half-way point along Southport Promenade. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Honest shopper earns ringing endorsement

I WOULD like through the columns of the Champion, to pass on my thanks to the very kind gentleman who found my mobile phone in the car park at Aldi in Kew (January 20).

This gent first rang a couple of stored contacts and managed to speak to my daughter. He then handed the phone in at Aldi for safekeeping (thanks, Aldi!).

My daughter rang my husband's phone to tell me where it was - all before I even noticed it was missing!

Thanks again anonymous shopper, it was much appreciated and lovely to know that we do share the country with thoughtful, honest people.

G. Taylor,
Holmeswood

Shamed by visitors having to wade through other people's filth

WHEN will West Lancs Council do something about bins being left outside and smokers throwing their fag ends over their garden walls and fences? I believe it is a local disgrace.

The bin issue is disgusting, it's unhealthy and an eyesore and attracts rats.

In most cases I have seen there is ample garden or yard space for people to put their bins out of sight.

As for the cigarette ends, what can I say? It's just pure arrogance, ignorance or downright laziness. How much does an ashtray cost?

The council should make it illegal to keep bins outside and fine those who won't comply.

I understand some people won't have the luxury of a garden or yard and will have no options for their bins, but in my experience I have seen the downward spiral of many council housing estates embedded with filth and nothing is being done.

I am ashamed to bring visitors to my door having to wade through other people's filth.

Disgruntled, Skelmersdale

Council 'gardener' thought primulas were cabbages!

JUST read an article in the Champion (February 1) about a West Lancs councillor urging residents to check tree contractors are suitably qualified.

I would advise this councillor, before he criticises, to check the qualifications of their so-called ground maintainance department.

Last year I had a reason to come into contact with one of their 'gardeners' who looked at my garden and asked me to identify a shrub. He thought that the primulas I had growing were cabbages!

It was then I thought to myself 'beam me up Scotty'.

Chris Grogan, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

Derby Street repairs missing the point

SO Lancashire County Council have finally resurfaced Derby Street, we now have a nice smooth road to drive on - APART from the area that was most in need of doing, the railway bridge?

That has just been patched up yet again!

What is the actual point of leaving a 30-metre stretch with bumps and uneven surfaces, when the rest of it has been done?

Yours despairingly...

Ormskirk taxi driver, by email

New action group outlines plans to make borough more dementia-friendly

THE first meeting of 2017 of a group created with the aim of making West Lancashire more dementia-friendly has identified a number of high-priority projects to work on in the next 12 months.

The West Lancashire Dementia Action Alliance, which was launched in December, has pinpointed the following areas for priority in the year ahead:

- Supporting volunteers to provide dementia-friendly activities and cafés.
- Making local transport (buses and taxis) more dementia-friendly.
- Developing a go-to directory of local services and support.
- Supporting more active healthy lifestyles engaging with Active West Lancs.

The Dementia Action Alliance is a national initiative with more than 300 local groups working to support those living with dementia to live well and independently in the community for longer.

National and local organisations, groups and individuals supporting the West Lancs initiative include Alzheimer's Society, Age UK, NCompass, Care & Repair, CVS, West Lancs Council and Lancashire County Council, Ormskirk Hospital, Home Instead Senior Care, Ormskirk Community Partnership, Cottage Lane Mission, Edge Hill University and Students' Union, the Police and Fire Service, U3A and West Lancashire Pensioners Forum, local Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville and the Champion.

There are around 1,500 people in West Lancashire affected by dementia and at the heart of creating more dementia-friendly communities is the roll-out of the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends initiative, which aims to break down the stigma around dementia and help the public with a basic understanding of the condition.

Gareth Dowling, interim chair of the alliance, said: "I am delighted West Lancashire has joined a national movement to become a dementia-friendly community.

"Through the Dementia Friends initiative we are opening minds to what dementia actually is and how we can live well with it, but only with a diagnosis, the right support and medication and the local community taking small actions that can make a lasting difference.

"What we must do now is use this momentum to drive forward our vision and ensure we take actions to improve the lives of those living with dementia and their carers in our community and I'd like to thank all our supporters for their input."

Chance to track village's rail heritage

RAIL enthusiasts are being invited to take a nostalgic journey down memory lane at the next meeting of the Burscough Heritage Group.

The show-and-tell talk event, entitled *The History and Heritage of Burscough's Railways*, will be held at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf on Monday, February 13 from 7.30pm.

Colin Wareing, from the group, said: "In 1849 the Liverpool to Preston railway started running through Burscough, followed six years later by the Wigan to Southport line. Come and share your memories of the tracks and trains, the staff, the trips you've taken, the Flying Scotsman, the Merrymaker trips of the 1970s and 1980s, your daily commute, photos, artefacts, timetables, bits of stations, posters, model and anything else!

"Mike Dawson will be there with his scanner to copy pictures, or if you can bring a disc or memory stick or email them to burscoughvch@yahoo.co.uk so we have a few images to start the presentation off.

"It would be great to put together a chronological list of the station masters that have been in charge of the three stations in the parish."

The Flying Scotsman passing through Burscough Bridge

Entrance fee is a £2 donation to the group, for more information call Colin on 07931356204.

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University says new partnership will help musical theatre students turn their studies into careers

Report by **Henry James**

MUSICAL theatre students at Edge Hill are set to benefit from a new partnership set up by the university with a company dedicated to new British musicals.

Already aiming to shape the future of musical theatre through its new degree programme, the Ormskirk university has now added a key partnership with Perfect Pitch, supported by Arts Council England.

And as a result of the partnership, students developed and performed *Club Mexicano* a new musical written by John-Victor and comedian and award-winning songwriter Tamar Broadbent.

A workshop production - meaning the musical is staged in a simpler and less polished style - *Club Mexicano* tells the story of Mel's hen night in an 18-30s holiday resort in Mexico.

Performed for the first time at Edge Hill earlier this month, it is hoped the musical might one day become a full professional production.

Perfect Pitch producer, Wendy Barnes, said: "We commend Edge Hill for looking for unique learning experiences for their students. Workshopping new and innovative material from emerging British writers is a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn about the writing process and create new roles that have never been performed before.

'Amazing experience'

"It is an equally rewarding experience for our writers and creatives to be developing their musicals with a team of talented young performers amid the wonderful facilities Edge Hill can offer. We look forward to finding new projects to continue our partnership in the future."

Second-year musical theatre student, Maggie Clarke, commented: "Having the opportunity to work with industry professionals and shape a new musical is brilliant. It's been an amazing experience and counts as a professional performance that we can include in our CV."

The partnership is an example of the university's ambition to shape and promote musical theatre, particularly embracing opportunities in new productions that have not originated in the West End.

A scene from Club Mexicano

This growing sector allows for more timely and topical musical theatre covering issues such as politics and race relations to appeal to new audiences.

Edge Hill musical theatre lecturer, Clare Chandler, said: "Musical theatre is a growing, diverse area and I'm delighted that as well as our membership of the Musical Theatre Network we now have a working partnership with Perfect Pitch.

"This means our students have access to the country's best writers, composers, producers and directors so they gain real experience of the many roles and skills needed in musical theatre.

"The musical theatre degree at Edge Hill is sector-leading as we're one of the few universities combining the teaching of a broad practical skill set with specific study modules such as the analysis of words and music, politics and the history and development of musical theatre.

"It's a competitive industry so this, along with rare opportunities such as *Club Mexicano*, give our students the edge and ultimately make them more employable in the industry as a whole."

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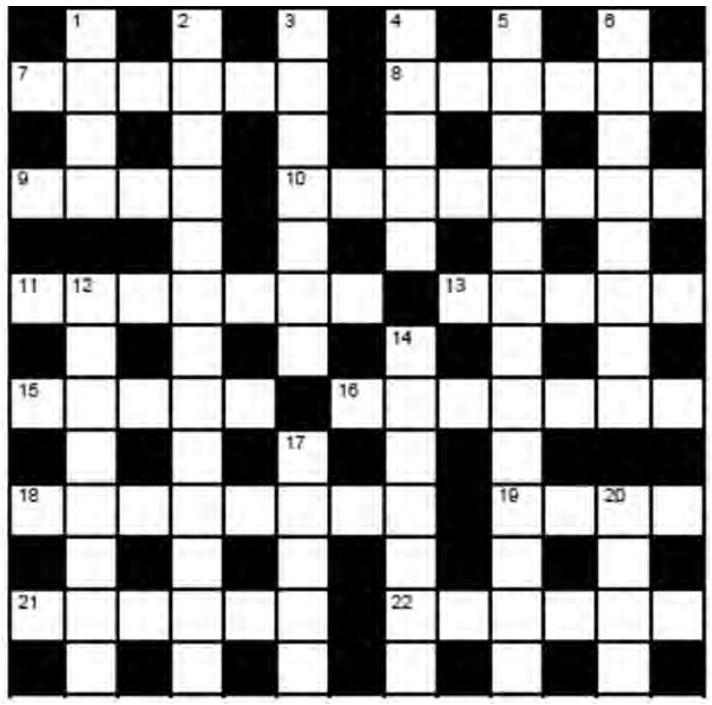

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ACROSS

7. Having a strong dislike of or opposition to something (6)
8. In a confident or forthright manner (6)
9. A grating (4)
10. Supporter of a cause (8)
11. Unenclosed space outdoors (4, 3)
13. Fish-eating wading bid with S-shaped neck (5)
15. Keen, enthusiastic (5)
16. It's celebrated annually on December 31st (3, 4)
18. Highly skilled musician (8)
19. Scottish lake, e.g. Ness or Lomond (4)
21. Serious quarrel (4-2)
22. Not including (6)

DOWN

1. Finished (4)
2. Specially designed industrial and commercial area (7, 6)
3. Royal insignia (7)
4. On top of (5)
5. Bingo caller's expression for the number 66 (8-5)
6. Excessive amount of something (8)
12. Silvery-white precious metal (8)
14. Very loyal (7)
17. Subdivision or branch of an army (5)
20. Short, sleeveless cloak (4)

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New director at care trust

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has appointed Julia Possener as a non-executive director.

Julia has previously undertaken a similar role for Calderstones Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (now Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust) and has wealth of experience at board level in the health service.

She also has a professional background as a corporate finance lawyer in a number of senior legal, governance, compliance and business roles in both private and financial services.

Lancashire Care chief executive, Heather Tierney-Moore, said: "We're absolutely delighted to welcome Julia to the board and look forward to the skills and expertise that she will bring to the trust. Julia joins us having had experience at another NHS organisation and we hope this will help with the development and improvement of the services we provide for people within Lancashire."

Julia Possener commented: "I look forward to the challenges ahead during this pressured time within the NHS and hope to build on the skills and knowledge I have gained over the years and to make a valuable contribution to the trust and its future direction."

Julia been appointed for a term of three years with effect from February 1.

Julia Possener new non-excutive director at Lancashire Care Trust

University celebrates Chinese New Year

STAFF and students at Edge Hill University havie been celebrating the Chinese New Year.

A number of events were staged at the Ormskirk campus by the university's Confucius Institute to mark the start of the Year of the Rooster, including a traditional Chinese street market and a performance in the evening.

Right: Chinese New Year celebration at Edge Hill University's Confuscious Institute

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Hero award for young baby unit fundraiser

A YOUNG boy whose family has raised more than £27,000 for Ormskirk Hospital's neonatal unit which helped him to survive when he was born 10 weeks early has been recognised for his efforts.

Theo Graham, from Formby, who helped his parents to raise money for the unit, received a Young Hero Award at a ceremony sponsored by the Scottish Power Foundation. The awards recognise people, organisations, schools and sports teams who make a difference to the local community.

The four-year-old's parents Emma and Lee, started fundraising for the Ormskirk baby unit after he was born there weighing just 2lb 8oz in October 2012.

The couple have held a number of fundraisers in the last three years towards the cost of a new £40,000 transport incubator that the hospital received last year.

Theo, who performed a song and dance routine at their most recent fundraiser at St Jerome's Parish Centre in Formby, got up on stage to collect his award on his own despite being poorly with croup, tonsillitis and an ear infection.

Proud mum, Emma, told the Champion: "We are so pleased that Theo won the award. He is just an incredible little boy, so thoughtful and has always helped out with fundraising despite how young he is!"

Theo Graham with his Young Hero Award

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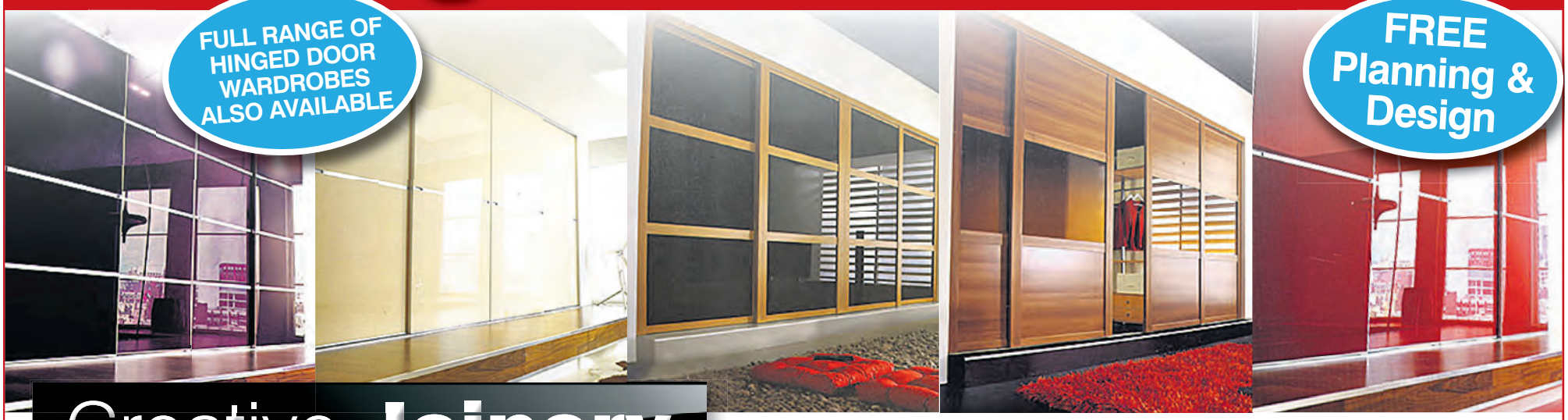

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Ormskirk Parkrun notches 150th milestone

Family-friendly popular Saturday morning event now attracts about 250 runners each week

THE Ormskirk Parkrun has staged its 150th run at its Edge Hill University course.

The free weekly event, which began in 2014, takes place every Saturday at 9am throughout the year (bar the occasional cancellation for ice) and has grown steadily in popularity.

Average numbers now are around 250 runners per week - up from around 100 in the first year and in spite of new parkruns starting up in various surrounding towns.

Event director Robbie Kiger said of the 150th milestone: "It's great to see how parkrun has developed, and especially the way it has attracted not just established runners but a lot of people who are new to exercise or who have not exercised for many years.

"We're also attracting a lot of younger runners, in conjunction with the new junior event at Skelmersdale."

"Our main message is: it doesn't matter if you're fast or slow - we welcome walkers - what matters is that you're out with us giving it a go.

Runners enjoying the 150th Ormskirk Parkrun. Photo by Graham Bell.

"You'll never be last, because we always have tailrunners. So just register at www.parkrun.org.uk, print a barcode so you get your run recorded and come on down for 9am on a Saturday."

Commenting on her experience of parkrun, regular runner Angela Eadie from Skelmersdale said: "I'm asthmatic but I wanted to try and get fitter. I started parkrun in May 2016 and have now done 18 runs.

"Everyone at Ormskirk parkrun is welcoming and really encouraging to all runners.

"Parkrun has become a real family affair for us. My son Adam and daughter Alice have both done 16 runs now, and my husband Colin also started in August, and has now done nine runs."

Just the ticket!

THE winners of the Champion's Sunny Afternoon competition for a pair of tickets to see the show at the Liverpool Empire were as follows: Tony Keggin of Waterloo; Brenda McAdam of Great Crosby; Raymond Simpson from Ormskirk; Carolyn Jassi from Rufford; and Jennifer White from Skelmersdale.

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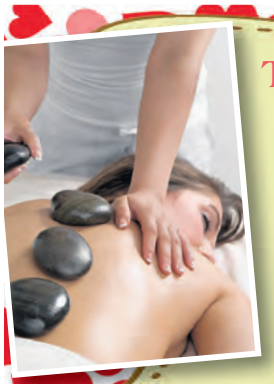

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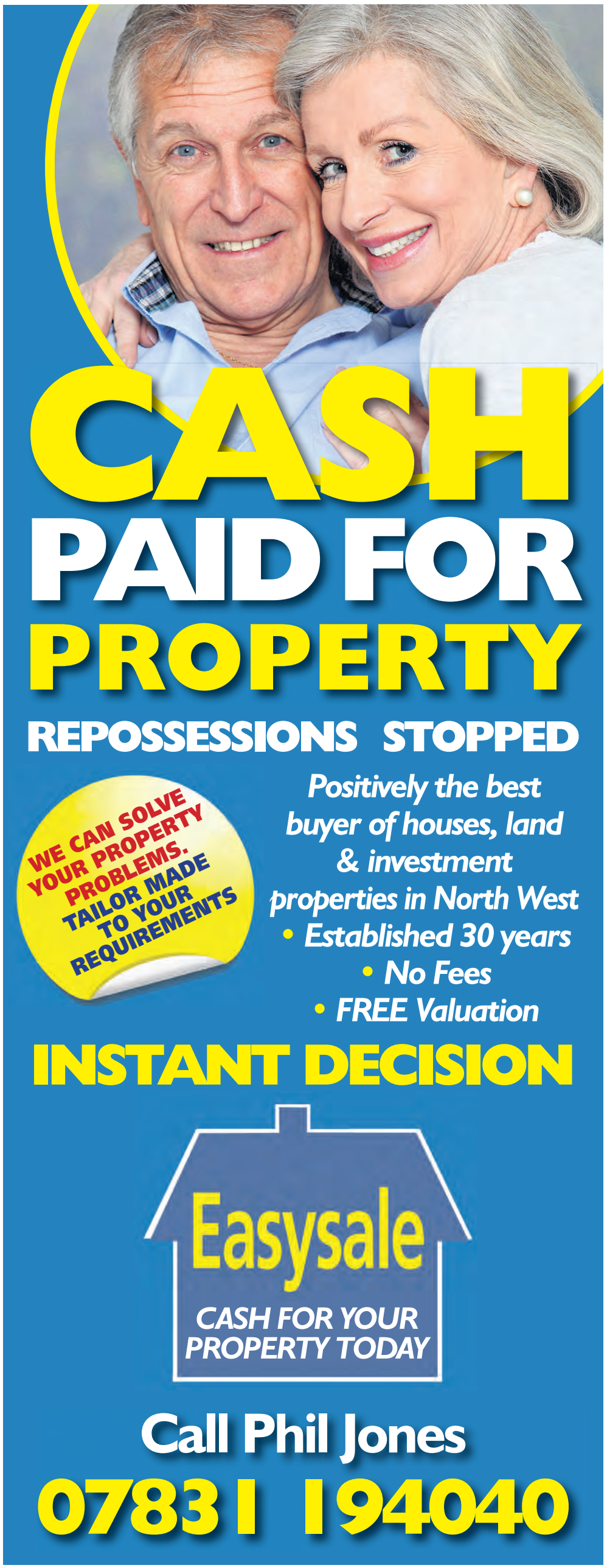

We don't need silly PC Brigade instructions to tell us how to respect people

WE have plenty of problems at the moment - Brexit, climate change and Donald Trump - to name just three.

Yet despair not, Political Correctness is alive and well at the British Medical Association.

The BMA have told doctors no longer to call pregnant women 'expectant mothers' because, apparently, this age-old phrase might offend transgender people!

They should call them 'pregnant people.'

This 'guidance' also thinks we should treat each other 'withdignity and as integrated members of an integrated community.'

Who could argue with that? We should respect and try to rub along together amiably.

I don't remember the BMA ever asking me, but apparently I could be offended at being told I am elderly - which I suppose I am, just about - and that I should be referred to as an 'older person.'

Well of course I am an older person. But older than what? You're an older person now than when you started reading this! We are all older than we were this time last year.

Silliness

But at least I can just about see what silliness they are trying to achieve in this - though what business it is of theirs I really don't know. However, it goes on to say that someone who is "biologically male or female" should henceforth be termed "assigned male or female."

Yes. Well. No.

I cannot see who wants ever to be called 'assigned' anything. And for that matter, perhaps a transgender person could be referred to as 'biologically male or female'?

I've never got my head round this business of not assigning the sex of a person to a job title.

If, for instance, barman was OK, what was wrong with barmaid? It's surely not insulting, and it does give a far better mental picture of the person you are referring to than the rather awful 'bar person', although some modern titles are indeed fine, like 'firefighter' for instance.

And this stupid idea of referring to anyone who performs on stage or film as an actor, irrespective of sex defeats me. Was an actress ever thought of as being subordinate to an actor?

I have news for these irritating PC persons. Men and women are different!

Actually I have probably just perpetrated a PC no-no.

I should probably said 'persons of different genders are different' - except of course the PC Brigade would seek to convince others that in fact they are not.

And as to this business of never, ever, causing offence - why?

I might well be offended if I was to be referred to as 'an old man'.

At least for the present, I don't think I have earned that title. But if I was I'd get over it.

I have been called misogynist, a racist, a 'Little Englander' - none of which I am.

I don't like it - and occasionally I am offended. But people are entitled to express their opinion and hey ho, the world spins on and so does life.

And where I do agree with the BMA is that we should all respect and attempt to get along with each other - but not by being given silly instructions as to how to achieve this desirable end.

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'Curious Garden' theme set to add touch of mystery to Flower Show

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THIS year's Southport Flower Show will be a celebration of all things mysterious.

Combining what organisers say will be unique entertainment with live cooking demonstrations and innovative planting displays, bosses at the show have announced their 88th theme as... 'The Curious Garden.'

Show bosses say the event will be 'inspired by a sense of secrecy, wonder and curiosity.' The 2017 theme will represent the garden as something to be 'discovered, explored and bewildered by.'

Talking about the show, Ray Roukin, general manager of Southport Flower Show said: "2017 marks a big year for the Southport Flower Show.

"The Curious Garden theme has been chosen as it allows us to build on some great existing aspects of the show, which we know our customers love, and reinvent them slightly. We're also bringing in completely new elements to ensure the event is fresh and appeals to both our current audience and new imaginations.

"It's an incredibly exciting time, as gardeners and exhibitors from the 2016 event now begin planning for their next appearance at the show. We're confident the show, in this new format, will be our best to date."

The show's new theme is supported by an updated brand identify, including a modernised logo and marketing direction; which will see a focus on the family audience.

Celebrities and entertainment for the 2017 show have yet to be announced as the organisers continue to play on the curious theme.

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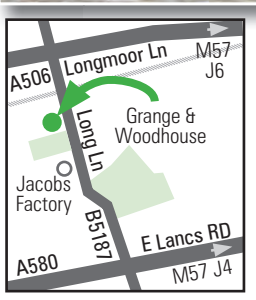

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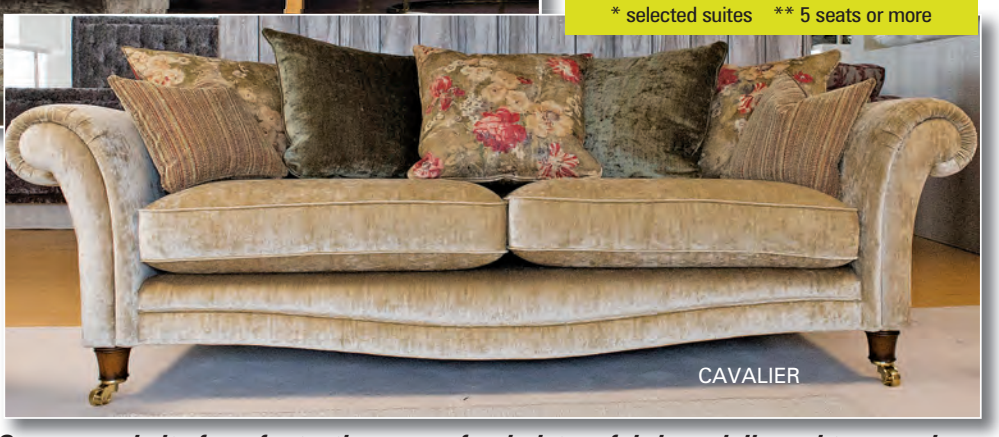

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Drama dragons enthrall shoppers with New Year show

Students from Ormskirk School performing at the Chinese New Year celebrations in Liverpool

STUDENTS from a secondary school in Ormskirk led the way at Chinese New Year celebrations - by dancing a 120ft dragon through China Town and the streets of Liverpool!

Staff, students and volunteers from Ormskirk School on Wigan Road, who were trained by the Hung Gar Friendship Association in the run-up to the event, took their bright red and yellow creation to the city to celebrate the Year of the Rooster!

Pam Anderton, the Chinese New Year co-ordinator for Ormskirk Schoo, said: "The Hung Gar Friendship Association very kindly volunteered to train our sixth form students to perform the Chinese Lion dance and Dragon Dance for a Chinese Culture Challenge Day at Ormskirk School last summer. As a way of thanking them, we volunteered to be fully involved in the Chinese New Year celebrations.

"It takes a lot of committed people to make the dragon dance a success as you get tired very quickly and have to swap over a lot.

"Ormskirk School provided a full team who tirelessly performed routines such as Rock'n'Roll, Roller Coaster, and Grass Cutter through the streets of Liverpool. We are very proud of our students, staff and friends of Ormskirk School who not only dedicated their Sundays to train, but who also provided the main entertainment to thousands of visitors at the Chinese New Year celebrations in Liverpool."

Headteacher, Martin Kerridge, added: "I am extremely proud of the Ormskirk team whose wonderful partnership with the Hung Gar was demonstrated in such a spectacular fashion in the celebration of the Chinese New Year."

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The event, from 11th to 19th February, is encouraging children of all ages to get out into the fresh air and have fun jumping in puddles, competing against each other for the biggest splash.

This year WWT's new children's character, Dusty Duck is joining in the fun and helping kids create the biggest, craziest splash possible. Dusty was exclusively designed by the world-famous Aardman studios to help celebrate WWT's 70th anniversary by getting children closer to nature.

As well as the main puddle jumping competition arenas, there will be practice zones set up to help entrants perfect their splashing techniques before the 2pm competition. It's only 50p to enter and every entrant will receive a 'splashtastic' sticker to acknowledge their puddle jumping skills – with the daily 'super-splasher' receiving prizes.

Jumps will be judged on the enthusiasm of the jumper, creativity of the jump and the height of the splash. Normal admission charges apply to participate in this event.

In addition, other jumping and welly activities include taking part in our frog jump between 11am and 12.30pm and see how far you can throw a wellington boot in our welly shot putt event between 1pm and 2pm as well as letting the kids run wild in the Adventure playground after watching hundreds of Whooper swans feed on the Mere at 3pm from the new Discovery hide.

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Fewer drink drivers are caught on the road, say watchdogs

Report by **Henry James**

THE NUMBER of motorists who passed tests for drink and drug driving in West Lancs over the festive period has increased from the previous year.

In West Lancs alone, a total of 1,398 people took breath tests over the festive period (December 2016) with 96.4% of them passing, compared to 96% of 1,299 people the year before, so a slight improvement on the year before (December 2015). The December 2014 test showed the highest numbers of drivers passing, 97.7% of the 2,393 people tested.

In West Lancashire, 31 people took festive drug tests this Christmas, but only 20 passed – meaning that 65% failed. The year before, the first time drug-driving tests were implemented, a total of 19 drivers took drug tests across Lancashire (only region-wide statistics were recorded) and only eight passed, meaning that fewer (57%) drivers failed the drug tests on the first year.

Across the whole of Lancashire, a total of 3,266 drivers took breath tests over the festive period and only 95.9% passed – meaning that at 96.4%, West Lancs drivers passed more than the average across Lancs as a whole.

Lancashire's police and crime commissionerm Clive Grunshaw, said: "Drink and drug-driving will not be tolerated here in Lancashire and it is our job to divert these motorists from getting behind the wheel before they ruin lives with such mindless acts.

PCC Clive Grunshaw

"We're committed to making Lancashire's roads as safe as possible and these targeted campaigns make a real difference at the time of year when the dangers of drink driving should be at the forefront of everyone's mind. I also hope that this is a reminder for motorists all year round that we will continue to take necessary action to ensure our roads are free from drug and drink drivers."

To report someone who you suspect of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs, contact the police on 101.

New social group hopes to connect isolated residents

By **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancs residents of all ages looking to make new friends and try out new activities are invited to join a new social group in Bickerstaffe.

The Divine Days Community Arts Project, which has bases in Burscough and Skelmersdale, was founded by Katie Whitehead, who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Members of the community group have launched Bickerstaffe Connections this week.

The monthly two-hour sessions will feature activities including dominoes, draughts, boccia (similar to indoor bowls), chess, cards, games, puzzles, clay modelling, painting, knitting, and more!

One of the organisers, Edward McCarthy, said: "Divine Days' Bickerstaffe Connections is a friendly social group and we look forward to welcoming you to join us at regular social afternoons at the Mission, with other local older people who come to enjoy a few happy hours out and about in a relaxed atmosphere sharing light refreshments and friendly company with others.

"Come for a cuppa and a chat, or perhaps enjoy reviving past hobbies and interests with us."

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Sanctuary seeks good homes for cats

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary which cares for more than 350 creatures at any one time, are seeking good homes for their cats.

The Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood takes in a variety of small domestic and farm animals. It opened in 2005 and is funded entirely by donations.

Now, staff are launching a fresh appeal to find homes for their pets - especially their cats, starting with nine-month-old black kitten Whitney.

Vickie McDerby from Woodlands said: "We are looking for caring homes for lovely little souls just like Whitney. She came to Woodlands as a nine-week-old kitten with her mum Matilda and three siblings after their owner suddenly passed away. They were severely malnourished and fighting infections meaning we weren't sure, at times, if we could save them. Whitney is very affectionate and finally ready to go to a new home."

For more details ring the sanctuary on 01704 823293.

Market stall raises funds for family support charity

A STALL on Ormskirk Market manned by volunteers raised £192 for a charity which provides a helping hand for families in West Lancashire.

Home-Start Central Lancashire supports families with young children and helps parents as they learn to cope and improve their confidence.

They also recruit and train volunteers, who are parents or have parenting experience to visit families in their own homes for a couple of hours each week or help in one of Home-Start's family groups.

The next training course for potential volunteers will start on Friday, February 24 at Park Children's Centre in Barnes Road, Skelmersdale.

Training usually runs one day a week for six weeks.

For more information, call Home-Start on 01257 241636 or email enquiries@homestartcentral-lancs.org.uk.

Volunteer Ruth Melling presents the cheque to Angela Melling, manager of Home-Start Central Lancashire

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Health chiefs in renewed call for sick to 'examine their options'

HEALTH chiefs in West Lancashire are once again urging residents to examine their options to help ease pressure on local A&E and 999 services.

The Examine your Options campaign, aims to give people information so that they know where to go in the first instance, to get fast, expert advice when they need it and how to help themselves and their families if they have a minor illness.

Dr John Caine, a GP in Parbold and chair of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Ultimately, our A&E and 999 services are for serious and life-threatening injuries only and we can all ease pressure on our A&E department, by using other more appropriate services when we find ourselves ill."

Your local pharmacy can offer free, confidential and expert advice on a range of health issues. They can also help residents to prepare for many common winter illnesses and offer advice on which medicines to keep in stock at home.

People can find a wealth of advice about hundreds of health conditions and details of GPs, pharmacies in their local area by visiting www.nhs.uk. This website also includes a symptom checker.

When you need medical help or advice fast, but it is not a 999 emergency, residents can also call the NHS 111 service. This is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and calls are free from mobiles and landlines.

Your GP should be the first point of contact for non-emergency illnesses that people can't treat themselves. A GP is available from 8am to 6.30pm weekdays and residents in West Lancashire can now also see a GP on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and Sundays from 10am to 2pm at the Sandy Lane Health Centre in Skelmersdale, by making an appointment through their usual GP practice.

And recently launched in West Lancashire residents can now see a GP on Thursday evenings 6.30 to 8pm, at the Ormskirk walk-in centre and on Fridays from 6.30 to 8pm at the Ormskirk walk-in centre.

To make an appointment to see a GP in these extended hours, again residents simply need to do this through their usual GP surgery.

West Lancashire has two walk-in centres. The West Lancashire Health Centre at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road, Ormskirk is open from 8am to 7.30pm, seven days a week; and the Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre at The Concourse, is open from 8am to 7.30pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The experts in these centres can treat a wide range of illnesses and conditions, like minor infections, rashes, stomach upsets, small cuts and bruises, strains and sprains, coughs, colds and flu-like symptoms and more.

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Picture House releases details of its Spring season

PARBOLD Picture House has released details of its Sunday films and live transmissions for the Spring of 2017.

Wild will be shown on Sunday, February 19. It is based on the true story chronicle of one woman's solo, 1,100 mile hike along the USA's Pacific coast as a way to recover from a recent personal tragedy.

On Sunday, March 5 Sully: Miracle on the Hudson is being presented. It is directed by Tom Hanks and stars Tom Hanks. The film is set on January 15, 2009 when a plane was landed on the Hudson River saving all 155 aboard. But the investigation threatened the pilot's reputation and career.

The National Theatre NT Live production of Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler is being shown on Thursday, March 9.

Audiences can see Mustang on Sunday, March 19 at 7pm. This spirited, haunting and genuinely engrossing Turkish drama was a thoroughly deserving (and in hindsight, most unlucky) Best Foreign Language Film Oscar nominee last year.

There is to be a presentation of the National Theatre production of George Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan starring Gemma Arterton on Tuesday, March 28.

Ruth Wilson and Rafe Spall in Hedda Gabler. Photo by Jen Versweyveld

On Sunday, April 2 people can see Nocturnal Animals. In this film an art gallery owner is haunted by her ex-husband's novel, a violent thriller she interprets as a veiled threat and a symbolic revenge tale.

Steven Spielberg's BFG is being shown on Sunday, April 16. In this film a young girl, the Queen of England and a Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance) set out on an adventure to capture the evil, man-eating giants who have been invading the human world.

The Australian ballet Coppelia can be seen on Tuesday, April 25.

On Tuesday, May 16 there is to be a National Theatre presentation of Twelfth Night starring Tamsin Greig as Malvolia in a new twist on Shakesperare's classic comedy of mistaken identity.

Lyn Paul to star in Blood Brothers at resort's theatre

2017 marks 30 years since Bill Kenwright's production of the international smash hit musical Blood Brothers first toured the UK.

In celebration, the iconic musical will visit theatres across the country including, for the first time, Southport Theatre, from Monday, February 13 to Saturday, February 18.

Hailed as one of the best musicals of all time, Blood Brothers, written by award-winning playwright Willy Russell has triumphed across the globe. Scooping up no fewer than four awards for best musical in London, and seven Tony Award nominations on Broadway.

This epic tale of Liverpool life started as a play, performed at a Liverpool comprehensive school in 1981, before opening at the Liverpool Empire in 1983 and completing sell out seasons in the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Japan.

Blood Brothers also ran in London's West End for 24 years, exceeding 10,000 performances, one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone.

No stranger to Blood Brothers, 'the definitive Mrs Johnstone' Lyn Paul returns to the iconic role, one she first played in 1997.

Lyn played Mrs Johnstone in the final West End performances at the Phoenix Theatre in 2012. She has also starred in the UK tour of Cabaret in 2013.

Lyn rose to fame in the early 1970s as a member of the New Seekers. She was the featured vocalist on their 1972 Eurovision Song Contest entry, Beg, Steal or Borrow, with which they came second, and lead vocalist on the 1974 number-one hit You Won't Find Another Fool Like Me.

Among the group's other works, they recorded the song I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing, adapted from an advertising jingle for Coca-Cola, which sold over 20 million copies and still remains one of the 100 best-selling singles in the UK.

Lyn Paul in Blood Brothers

The cast for Blood Brothers includes Sarah Jane Buckley, Dean Chisnall, Mark Hutchinson, Sean Jones, Adam Search, Danielle Corlass, Tim Churchill, Graham Martin, Laura Harrison, Alison Crawford, Graeme Kinniburgh, Henry Regan and Josh Capper.

Blood Brothers tells the captivating and moving story of twin boys separated at birth, only to be reunited by a twist of fate and a mother's haunting secret. The memorable score includes A Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe and the emotionally charged hit Tell Me It's Not True.

When Mrs Johnstone, a young mother, is deserted by her husband and left to her own devices to provide for seven hungry children she takes a job as a housekeeper in order to make ends meet.

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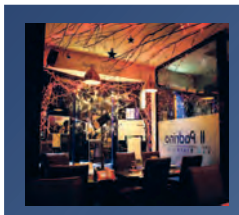

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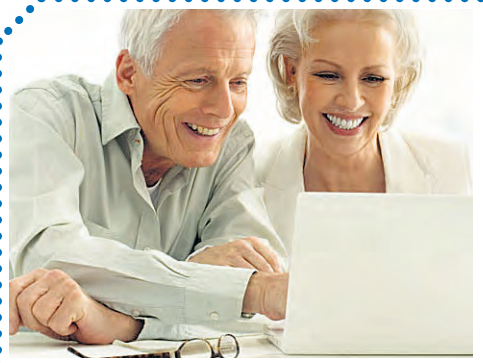

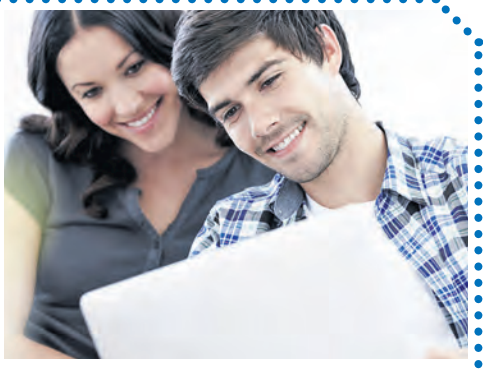

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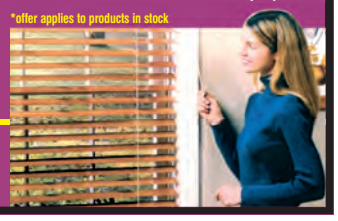

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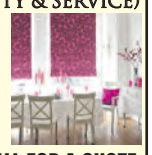

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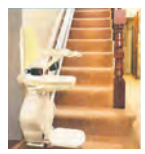

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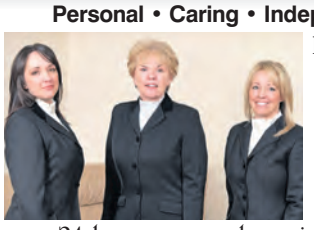
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11th February 2016

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(our sunshine)
we loved but could
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Nan and Grandad
XX

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BAXTER AUDREY

The family of Audrey would like to thank all who attended the funeral on Wednesday, also thank you for the kind words, cards and donations. Thank you to Rev David Dickinson for a caring service, Hesketh Bank Bowling Club for the refreshments, and a special thanks to Newland and Wilkinson Funeral Directors for their kind and dignified arrangements.

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CRANE JAMES (ALLEN)

The family of the late Allen would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, floral tributes and donations received for the RSPCA during their recent sad loss of Allen. Special thanks to Peter Giles for a lovely service and to Skelmersdale Funeral Service for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LYSON HANNAH NICOLE

Mark Beth & family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all their messages of condolence, sympathy cards and the many donations for Teenage Cancer Trust and The Zak Vali Foundation, being received during their recent sad loss of their "Beautiful Hannah". Special thanks also to Doctors & nursing staff at the many hospitals Hannah was treated especially The Christie Manchester. Thank you to her GP Dr Rachel Tilley at Burscough Health centre & Palliative care. A special personal Thank you to the District nursing team who cared for Hannah & the family daily. A final thanks to MLS Independent Funeral Directors & Mr John Milton for speaking about Hannah at her Funeral service.

DAY ANNE

The family of the late Anne Day would like to express heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their sympathy cards, donations and attendance at the funeral service. Special thanks go to the Burscough District Nurses for their exceptional care and to Ray Cooper who officiated the service and to Lorraine and all at Cookson Tyrer for their dignified funeral arrangements.
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DEATHS

ORD JOYCE

27th January 2017
In hospital
Aged 90 Years

Re United with her Husband John and Daughter Anne. Wonderful Memories of Happy Times, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium Pippin Street Burscough on Friday 10th February at 1.45 pm. All enquires to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB Tel 0151 520 3330

PROFESSOR GEORGE CARTER

George died peacefully on 29th January 2017 surrounded by his family

Devoted Husband to the late Hilda, greatly loved Dad and Father-in-law of Sue and Steve and wonderful Granddad to Chris. Great scientist, loving family man and loyal friend. In our hearts forever. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 9th February at 2pm. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

EVANS VERA

30th January 2017

Peacefully at Aughton Park Care Home, Aughton. Aged 88 years formerly of Clairville, Birkdale.

Retired chief probation officer of Lancashire and Merseyside Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 10th February 2017 at 4.00pm. No floral tributes by request. Donations if desired are being gratefully received for North West Cancer Research. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Elizabeth House. 57A Cottage Lane, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 581769 / 720012

DEATHS

ZUEGER TONY

29th January 2017
Aged 76 years

Devoted Husband of Angela, much loved Father to Helen and Phillip. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Friday 10th February at 10.00 am. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Down's Syndrome Association. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1 - 5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

GATEWOOD BILL

January 13th 2017
Peacefully aged 89 years

Devoted Husband of Eileen and beloved Godfather. Bill will be sadly missed by all his family and friends including many children of all ages in who's hearts a magical place will forever remain for Uncle Bill. Funeral Service and Cremation will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday February 14 at 1.20pm. No flowers please but if desired donations to The Salvation Army or Claire House Childrens Hospice c/o H. Leslie Humphrey 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

FISHER IAN ALASTAIR

27th January 2017
Aged 70 years

Died peacefully at home with his family. Dearly loved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend to many. Thanksgiving service at 1.30pm on Friday 10th February at St Michael's Church, Blundellsands, L23 8SP. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Macmillan or Woodlands Hospice c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

DEATHS

WINROW ETHEL

30th January 2017
Peacefully at Silverbirch Lodge Nursing Home, aged 96 Years

Beloved Wife of the Late Ray. Much Loved Mum of Jean. Funeral Service at St Thomas Church Lydiate on Tuesday 14th February at 12.00 noon. Cremation following at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street Burscough. Family Flowers only please but donations if desired for St. Thomas Church c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB or via www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

CATHERINE HOLME (Conroy)

Aged 73

1st February 2017 at Fazakerley Hospital where she was a nurse for many years.

Dear Mum of Anita and Patrick. Much loved Granny of Nancy (deceased), Edward and Sylvie and Son-In-Law Andrew. Her Brothers and Sisters, Nieces, Nephews and friends are heartbroken. The family would like to thank all the staff of Fazakerley Hospital, particularly Ward 16 for their wonderful care in her final illness. The Funeral mass will take place at Our Lady's, Lydiate, February 15th at 10am, followed by the burial at St. Thomas' Church, Lydiate. All enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, L31 2LZ. Tel: 0151 531 7890

EDEY GERARD

28th January 2017
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by his family

Loving Husband of Sheila, Father to Gill and Jeremy and Grandfather of Eleanor, Alex, Mathew, Lydia and Jenna. Gerard will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday, February 10th 2017 at 2pm. No flowers please but if desired. Donations to St Joseph Hospice, Ince Road, Thornton L23 4UE. H Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

FITZGERALD ROSALIE

1st February 2017
Aged 80 years

Reunited with her much loved Husband John. Loving Mum and Grandmother to her 5 children and 7 Grandchildren. Rosalie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at SS Peter & Pauls Church, Crosby on Wednesday February 15th 2017 at 10.45am followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. No flowers please but if desired donations to St Josephs Hospice c/o H Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

ANTHONY (TONY) MYERSCOUGH

1st February 2017
Aged 81

Will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends. Funeral mass to be held at Our Lady of Compassion, Formby, Monday 13th February 12:45pm. Followed by Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations gratefully received for Marina Dalglish Appeal and Arthritis Research UK. Reception to be held at the Cross House Inn, Formby. All Welcome. For enquiries please contact Coyne Brothers, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, 01704 873899

IDDON NELLIE

2nd February 2017
Aged 92 years
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Passed away peacefully in hospital with her family around her.

Nellie will be sadly missed by her Sister-In-Law Celia and Gilbert, as well as her Nephews and Nieces and Great-Nephews and Nieces. Nellie will also be missed by her closest friends and all who knew her. Funeral service to take place at All Saints Church, Hesketh Bank on Thursday 16th February at 1:20pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Flowers or donations if desired to the RSPCA. Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6RJ. Tel 01772 811165

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1290/OUT Outline - Residential development including details of access, layout and scale at Valera Ltd, Plox Brow, Tarleton.

Application No: 2017/0026/HYB Hybrid application on 0.8 hectares on land north of School Lane, Haskayne, seeking outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the demolition of modern, general purpose, agricultural buildings and the redevelopment of the site for residential use including a new access to Moor Farm House, plus full permission for the change of use of a traditional agricultural building to a single dwelling (Use Class C3) which fronts on to School Lane at Moor Farm, 48 School Lane, Downholland.

Application No: 2017/0065/FUL Proposed agricultural building and highway improvements to northern site access junction with Boundary Meanygate at Moss Side Farm, Moss Side Lane, Tarleton.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 8th February 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT934

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
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Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council,

Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 01 March 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 01 March 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 8 February 2017

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The car wreckers in question belonged to an organisation called Euro NCAP, which has just celebrated its 20th birthday. Their mission was to mark as many new cars as possible with independent safety ratings, and they gave the poor Metro a miserable one star out of five. The resultant drop in sales meant Rover dropped it altogether a few months later, and ever since Euro NCAP's findings have been taken very seriously indeed.

The results kept coming. 1990s Volvos weren't as indestructible as pub wisdom had long dictated. The original Ford Focus wasn't as good at protecting pedestrians as the Escort that preceded it. The old Chrysler Voyager was a deathtrap, and the G-Wiz electric car might as well have been made out of cardboard after its appalling crash test performance. Even today Euro NCAP is still unafraid of ruffling the car industry's feathers, giving Ford's latest Mustang a dismal two stars when five is increasingly the norm.

But your car's almost certainly safer as a result. Ever since Renault picked up the first five star rating for its Laguna back in 2001 – and paraded it on every TV, magazine and newspaper ad it could as a result – manufacturers have engaged in a sort of safety arms race to ensure they're top dog.

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It's impossible to calculate how many lives Euro NCAP's boffins have saved by forcing car companies to smarten up to avoid embarrassing crash test results, but it's fair to say you stand a much better chance of surviving a 30mph shunt in a new Clio (a five star car) than you would in its 1997 equivalent (just two stars).

So it's worth thinking about Euro NCAP's experts next time you go out for a spin. They have genuinely moved motoring on – and all it took was one utterly ruined Metro.

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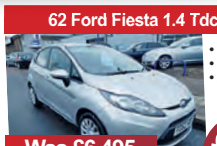

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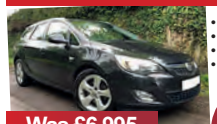

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• Rear Privacy
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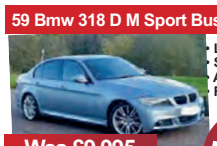

• Leather
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• Alloys
• FSH

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• New Alloys
• Priv Glass

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• 1 Owner
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• Alloys

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• 1 Owner
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• Pan Roof
• Priv Glass

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• FSH
• 65000 Miles
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• Leather

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• 53000 Miles
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• 1/2 leather

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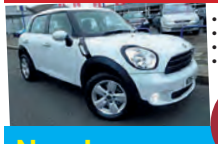

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• Privacy Glass
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• 20" Alloys
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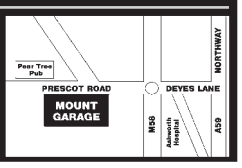

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Youthful team unable to break down high-flyers

Whitby Town 1
Skelmersdale United 0

NEW manager Alan Rogers suffered defeat in his first game in charge as a youthful Skelmersdale United side couldn't break down high-flying Whitby Town.

Whitby went on the attack in the early stages and soon Skelmersdale goalkeeper Chris Cheetham made a good save from a Matty Tymon header.

Skelmersdale had a turn on the offensive in the 11th minute, a neat exchange of passes between Dean Shacklock and Mamudo Dabo put Nathan Randell free on the left of the box, but the striker who is on loan from Wigan Athletic saw his shot go over the crossbar.

The game was taking shape with Whitby on attack and Skem defending well and hitting the hosts on the break.

Whitby left-back Danny McWilliams caused Skem a few problems during the afternoon especially with his propensity to get forward quickly. One of his crosses on the half-hour resulted in Phil Mooney twice clearing off the Skelmersdale goal-line in the space of about three seconds.

Twice on 35 and 38 minutes Skelmersdale did have to rely on luck as Whitby hit the post on both occasions.

The first a stroll forward by defender Luke Blythway resulted in a low effort from 25 yards hitting Cheetham's right hand upright, the latter a glaring miss by Tymon after Steve Snaith gave him a near tap-in.

The blank score sheet at the interval was partly down to Whitby's poor finishing, but it was also down some real tenacity from the Skelmersdale youngsters.

Soon after half-time Cheetham made a good near-post save from Dave Carson, before in the 54th minute Whitby broke the deadlock. Tymon cleverly stroked the ball down the inside-left channel and Carson cut in from the left before side-footing a precise effort low nto the Skelmersdale net.

Skelmersdale continued to scrap hard and 12 minutes from the end Jack Watts lifted a free-kick into the penalty area, the ball was headed back and Randell connected with a volley that home goalkeeper Shane Bland was glad to parry away.

Twice late on Cheetham made saves from Snaith, but if either effort had gone into the net it would have been cruel.

Against the odds Skelmersdale had just been edged out by the play-off chasers but it was anything but the thumping many pundits expected them to get.

Skelmersdale's Mamadu Dabo (in ellow) makes a challenge at Whitby. Picture by John Driscoll

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Linnets put up a spirited effort after conceding first-minute goal

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Burscough 0
Trafford 3

BURSCOUGH were made to pay for a slow start after conceding a goal just 58 seconds into the match.

To their credit though Burscough showed for remaining 89 minutes that they might have the spirit within themselves to climb to safety.

After 25 seconds the ball went bouncing into the penalty area, Linnets goalkeeper Richie Mottram was maybe caught cold and faced with a one on one with Trafford's Kinesley Williams, the ball went for a corner.

The corner kick was driven in by former FC United star Liam Brownhill and at the second attempt his former FC United team mate Lee Neville blasted home the opener.

Trafford came close to scoring again when a Brownhill free-kick was headed wide by Josh Granite and a header from Ashley Woods brought a superb save from Mottram.

In the 33rd minute Trafford needed a bit of luck to retain their lead when a Burscough corner was lifted beyond the far post. James Ellina-Jefferies headed the ball back into the box and Adam Gilchrist fired in a header that was scrambled off the goal-line.

Within three minutes Trafford had given themselves a cushion after Williams brought the save of match out of Mottram and the ball went for a corner.

Dead-ball king Brownhill took the corner and again found Neville. Mottram saved again this time but the keeper was unlucky to see his rebound go to striker Aaron Burns, who made no mistake from close range.

Burscough should have halved the lead seconds after the interval as captain Phil Bannister sent a cross into the heart of the Trafford area, substitute Callum Scott ran onto the ball and headed just over the crossbar with literally his first touch of the game after coming on as sub at half-time.

Five minutes later Burscough went close again, Kevin Lettany set up Elliott Nevitt but the Linnets' number 10 shot wide.

Trafford put the game beyond Burscough's reach on 64 minutes. Brownhill was again the provider, from a corner headed on and Burns was able to flick the third goal into the Linnets net.

Burscough finished with 10 men after an impetuous challenge by Nevitt saw him receive a red card.

Both clubs now face vital home games

BOTH Skelmersdale United and Burscough have important home games this Saturday, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Skelmersdale supporters will have the opportunity to view recently appointed manager Alan Rogers' newly-assembled side, while Burscough face Goole - the team immediately above them in the league.

So they are vital games for differing reasons and both kick off at 3pm.

Skelmersdale entertain a Halesowen side who haven't won at the Uretek Stadium on any of their previous visits and have only won three out their 13 away games this season. Alan Rogers fielded seven teenagers at Whitby, but commented in an interview on the Skelmersdale United website this week that he is expecting to bring in a couple of more experienced players this week.

Skelmersdale are a "work in progress team" but progress is taking place and they will get better as the season goes on.

Rogers hasn't been helped by his experienced players leaving the club, with the highly-respected Kenny Strickland, Peter Wylie and Alex Davies signing for neighbours Marine.

Chairman Paul Griffiths stated his support for Rogers when he said: "We do believe that Alan can turn around the clubs fortunes, we would hope that the footballing loving supporters of Skem can rally round and give the youngsters some much needed encouragement."

Burscough are expected to make a couple of new signings this week as they prepare for what is a win at all costs encounter.

Information from a source close to the club tells us that among their new signings are likely to be brothers Joe and Josh Nicholson from Skelmersdale United, plus the possibility of another striker who would be something of a 'coup' for Burscough.

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